

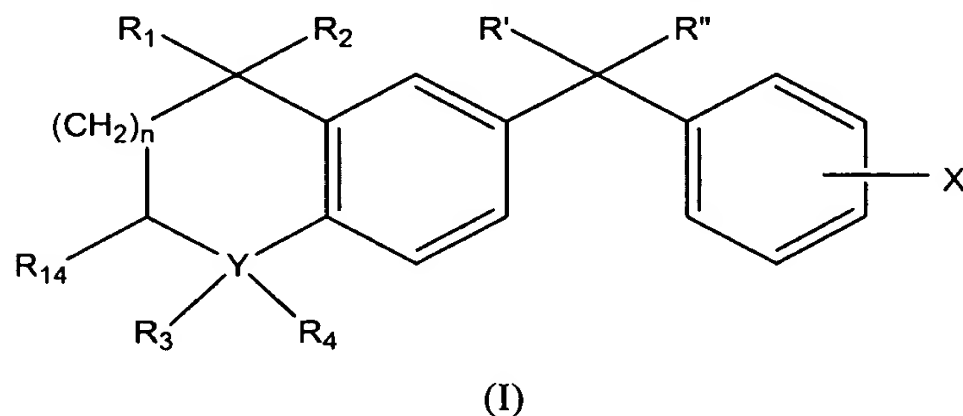
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 71, 74, 75 and 79-81 are pending. Claim 71 is amended as indicated below.
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims, in the application.

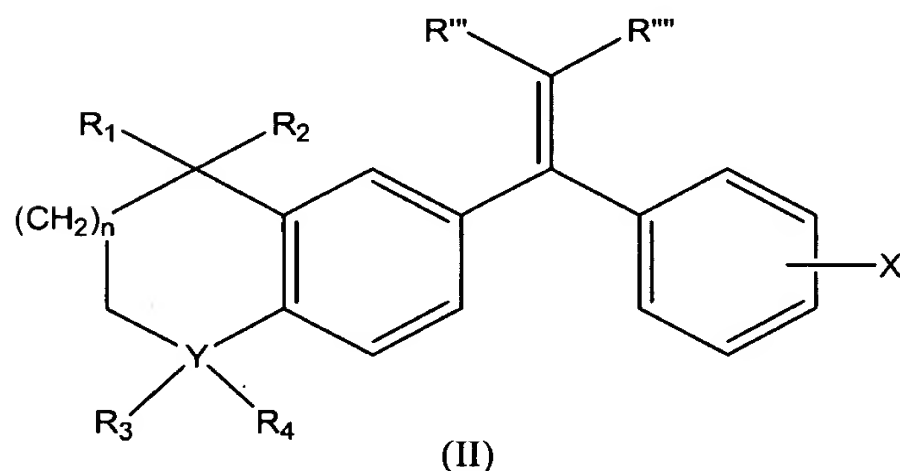
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-70 (Cancelled).

71. (Currently amended) A compound represented by formula I or II:



or



wherein:

R_1 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

R_2 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

Y is C, N, S, or O, wherein:

~~if Y is C, then R_3 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms,~~

~~and R_4 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms,~~

if Y is N, then R_3 is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms, and

R_4 does not exist,

if Y is S, then R_3 does not exist, and R_4 does not exist,

if Y is O, then R_3 does not exist, and R_4 does not exist;

R_{14} is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

R' is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms and R'' is a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

R''' is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms, and R'''' is a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

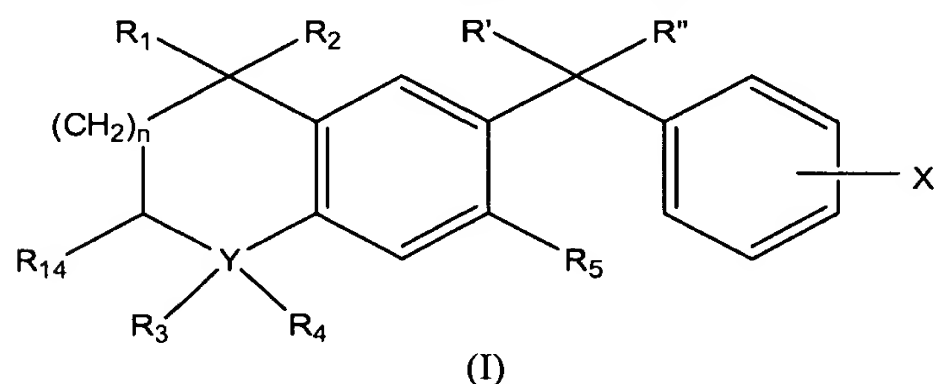
X is COOH and originates from C3, C4, or C5 of the ring; and

n = 0-1;

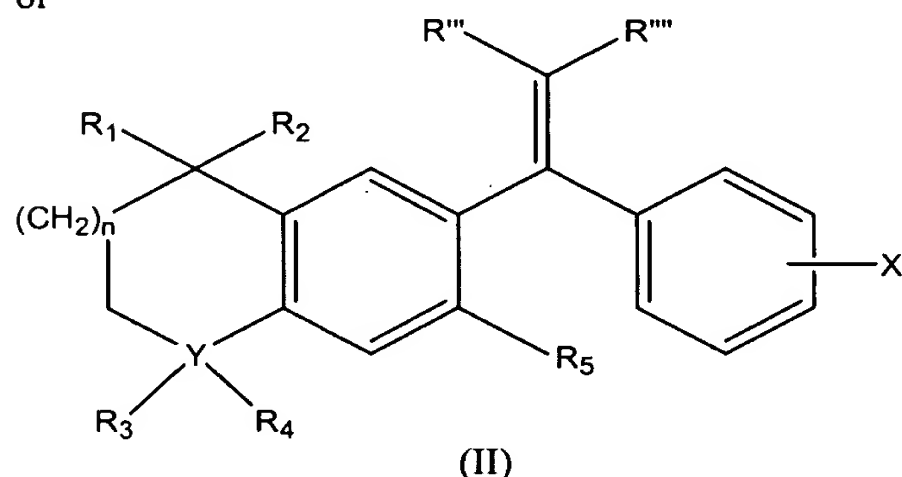
or a pharmaceutically acceptable ester, amide or salt thereof.

Claims 72 and 73 (Cancelled).

74. (Previously presented) A compound represented by formula I or II:



or



wherein:

R₁ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

R₂ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

Y is C, N, S, or O, wherein:

if Y is C, then R₃ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms, and

R₄ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms,

if Y is N, then R₃ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms, and

R₄ does not exist,

if Y is S, then R₃ does not exist, and R₄ does not exist,

if Y is O, then R₃ does not exist, and R₄ does not exist;

R₅ is OR₇, wherein R₇ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-6 carbon atoms;

R₁₄ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

R' is hydrogen and R'' is hydrogen, or R' and R'' together form an oxo (keto), or a methano;

R''' is hydrogen;

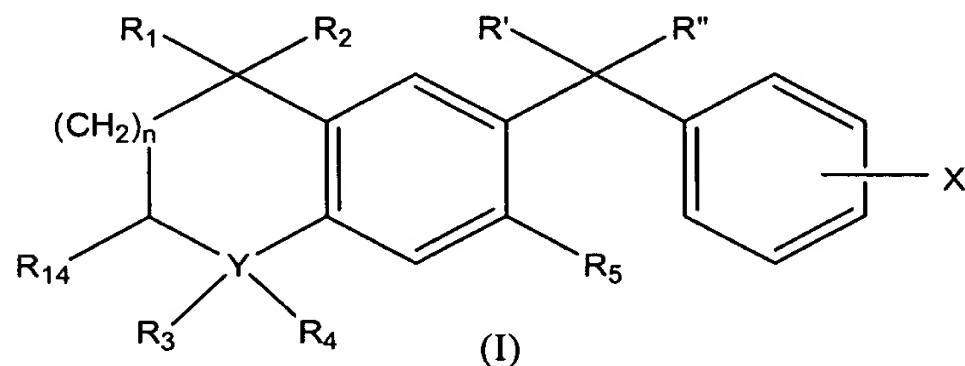
R'''' is hydrogen;

X is COOH and originates from C3, C4, or C5 of the ring; and

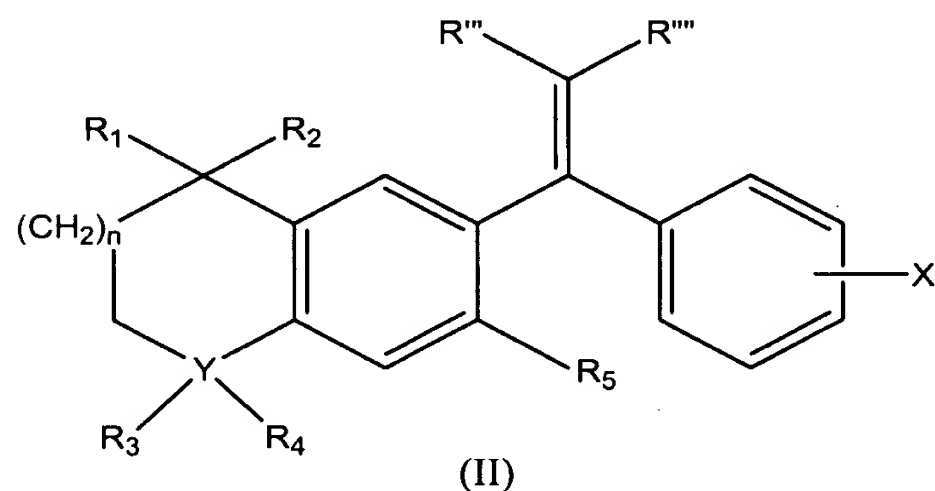
n = 0-1; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable ester, amide or salt thereof.

75. (Previously presented) A compound represented by formula I or II:



or



wherein:

R₁ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

R₂ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

Y is C, N, S, or O, wherein:

if Y is C, then R₃ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms, and

R₄ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms,

if Y is N, then R₃ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms, and

R₄ does not exist,

if Y is S, then R₃ does not exist, and R₄ does not exist,

if Y is O, then R₃ does not exist, and R₄ does not exist;

R₅ is OR₇, wherein R₇ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-6 carbon atoms;

R₁₄ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

R' is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms and R'' is a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

R''' is hydrogen or a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms, and R'''' is a lower alkyl comprising 1-4 carbon atoms;

X is COOH and originates from C3, C4, or C5 of the ring; and

n = 0-1; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable ester, amide or salt thereof.

Claims 76 - 78 (Cancelled).

79. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 71 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

80. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 74 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

81. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 75 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.